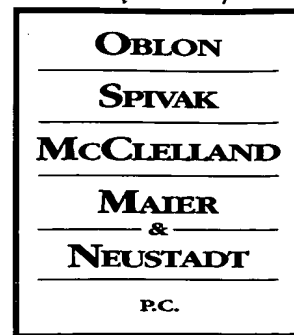




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**Attachments: Copy of Preliminary Amendment filed May 17, 2005; Copy of Office Action mailed December 11, 2006; and Copy of List of References Cited by Applicants (Form PTO-1449) filed on October 12, 2005**

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Prior to Examination on the merits, Applicants request entry of the following  
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**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this response.

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